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Main Idea

***Title of disclosure (in English)**
 Extension of Browser Web Page Content Labels and Password Checking to Communications Protocols

***Idea of disclosure**

1. Describe your invention, stating the problem solved (if appropriate), and indicating the advantages of using the invention.

This disclosure describes a method to allow privileged users, via password assignment, to further regulate, control, and restrict non-privileged user's ability to access, import, and export data external to system.

There currently exists the ability for browsers to regulate, control, and restrict the browsing of web page

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contents according to classifications contained in the content labels embedded in web pages. Privileged users assign passwords to certain content label categories and non-privileged users must supply the correct password to view a web page containing material encompassed by a category. However, it is possible for users to bypass the intent of the content restrictions when accessing non-web page data that does not contain content labels (e.g. binary files through the FTP protocol). This exposure can effectively render existing browser content control methodologies inoperable.

This proposal extends the concept of web page content labels to include all server-based data files. It also extends the content label password checking mechanism utilized by browsers to all communication protocols utilized by browsers.

This disclosure proposes to:

1. extend web page content labels to non-web page data such as data files and modules
2. extend the content label extraction methodology to all communication protocols such as:
 - HTTP
 - FTP
 - MAIL
 - FILE
 - etc.
3. extend content label password checking against existing browser access control lists to all communication protocols

A privileged user is provided a browser-based facility that allows privileged users to regulate the accessibility of content label categories according to passwords assigned by the privileged user. Just as privileged users are currently able to regulate, via password assignment, the permissible web page activities of non-privileged users, they will now be able to achieve the same regulation of non-web page material.

2. How does the invention solve the problem or achieve an advantage, (a description of "the invention", including figures inline as appropriate)?

This invention extends the password protection and control of web pages to all data accessed by a system via a browser.

3. If the same advantage or problem has been identified by others (inside/outside IBM), how have those others solved it and does your solution differ and why is it better?

The mechanism exists for web pages. It is now being extended to include non-web page data

4. If the invention is implemented in a product or prototype, include technical details, purpose, disclosure details to others and the date of that implementation.

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*Critical Questions (Questions 1 - 7 must be answered)

*Question 1
On what date was the invention workable? ~~answer~~ Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY
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Attached are Declarations from inventors Forlenza and Sang. These were previously submitted unsigned.

Please feel free to call me at (512) 542-2148 should you have any questions concerning the attached.

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